AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Bone fixing device comprising:

(I) a surgical cable ~~(16,416)~~ having a first end and a second end, and

(II) at least a first ~~(2,402)~~ fixing plate and a second ~~(4,404)~~ fixing plate respectively having ~~a~~ first ~~(6,406) resp.~~ and second ~~(8,408)~~ central ~~hole~~ holes and ~~a~~ first ~~(10,410) resp.~~ and second ~~(12,412) ring~~ rings surrounding said first ~~(6,406) resp.~~ and second ~~(8, 408) hole~~ holes, wherein each of the first and second ~~the circumference (20,420, resp. 22,422) of each~~ fixing plates have ~~forming~~ an outer edge defining an outer circumference thereof ~~of its ring (10,410, resp. 12, 412)~~ and an inner edge ~~of its ring (10,410, resp. 12, 412) being adjacent to the hole (6,406, resp. 8, 408) it surrounds~~ defining a respective one of the first and second central holes,

the first fixing plate ~~(2,402)~~ being in a stacked position on top of the second fixing plate ~~(4,404) leaving~~ so as to establish a gap therebetween ~~(26,426) between the plates (2, 402,4, 404) and~~ such that the first and second central holes ~~(6,406, resp. 8,408)~~ at least partly ~~overlapping~~ overlap each other, wherein

each of the first and second ends of the cable is connected to the first and second fixing plates, and wherein

at least one of the first and second ends ~~end~~ of the cable ~~(16,416) following~~ follows a continuous trajectory running ~~as part 0)~~ from outside the outer edges underneath the second ring ~~(12)~~ and up to the second hole, the at least one end of the cable thereafter ~~(8),~~ bending upward into a first upward trajectory part ~~(a)~~ running through the second and the first holes,

respectively, ~~(8, 408 resp. 6,406), a bend~~ bending to an outward trajectory part ~~(b)~~ running across the first ring ~~(10,410)~~ in ~~the~~ a direction from its inner edge toward ~~of~~ its outer edge, bending to ~~(20,420),~~ a downward trajectory part ~~(c)~~ outside at least the ~~said outer~~ edge of the first ring ~~(20,420)~~ running in a direction opposite to the first upward trajectory part, ~~(a),~~ bending to an inner trajectory part ~~(d)~~ running through the second central hole ~~(8,408)~~ of the second ring, wherein the inner trajectory ~~(12, 412),~~ part ~~(d)~~ includes ~~at its~~ one and other ends, the one end thereof being connected to a first radial trajectory part ~~(e)~~ running through the gap ~~(26,426)~~ established between the first and second fixing plates ~~(2,402 resp. 4,404)~~ and ~~at its~~ the other end thereof being connected to a second radial trajectory part ~~(f, g)~~ running underneath the second ring ~~(12, 412), the other end of the cable (16,416) also being connected to the fixing plates (2,402 resp. 4,404)~~.

2. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the downward part ~~(c)~~ further runs outside the outer edge ~~(22)~~ of the second ring ~~(4)~~ and is connected to the other ~~one~~ end of the inner part ~~(d)~~ through the second trajectory part ~~(f)~~ running underneath the second ring ~~(12)~~ from its outer edge ~~(22)~~ to ~~it's~~ the second central hole, and wherein ~~(8) and~~ the ~~other~~ one end of the inner part ~~(d)~~ is immediately connected to the first trajectory part ~~(e)~~ running through the gap ~~(26)~~ established between the first and second fixing plates in an outward direction and ending outside the plates ~~in~~ as a cable end ~~(28)~~.

3. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the first upward, the outward, the downward, the first radial, and the inner trajectory parts are arranged sequentially in the order ~~(a), (b), (c), (e), (d)~~ in the continuous trajectory of the cable followed by the second radial trajectory part ~~(g) running~~ which runs underneath the second ring ~~(412)~~ in a direction from the second central hole ~~(408)~~ to the outer edge

thereof and ends ~~(422) and ending~~ outside the first and second fixing plates ~~in~~ as a cable ~~end (428)~~.

4. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second ends ~~the other end~~ of the cable ~~also follows one of said trajectories~~ follow the continuous trajectory.

5. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, further comprising a tensioning device connected to the first and second fixing rings, wherein the other of the first and second ends of the cable ~~end (530,630)~~ is fixed to ~~a~~ the tensioning device ~~that is connected to the fixing rings~~.

6. (currently amended) Method for fixing bone parts comprising the steps of applying a bone fixing device according to claim 1 around the bone parts ~~(17,417)~~ to be fixed, followed by drawing the first and second ends ~~(28,428; 30,430)~~ of the cable to tension the cable around the bone parts to the tension required to fix the bone parts.

7. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6, further comprising inserting ~~wherein~~ a bar ~~(14,414) is inserted~~ between the first and second fixing plates ~~(2,402; 4,404)~~ before the cable is tensioned and thereafter removing the bar ~~removed~~ after the cable has been tensioned.

8. (currently amended) Method for fixing bone parts comprising the steps of applying a bone fixing device according to claim 5 around the bone parts to be fixed, followed by drawing said one end ~~(528,628)~~ of the cable to tension the cable around the bone and then tensioning the cable to the tension required to fix the bone parts by means of the tensioning device ~~(536,646)~~.

9. (previously presented) Set of at least two fixing plates and a surgical cable fitted for constructing a bone fixing device according to claim 1.

10. (previously presented) Fixing plate prepared for application in a bone-fixing device according to claim 1.

11. (previously presented) Surgical cable prepared for application in a bone-fixing device according to claim 1.

12. (previously presented) Set of at least two fixing plates and a surgical cable prepared for application in the method of claim 6.

13. (previously presented) Fixing plate prepared for application in the method of claim 6.

14. (previously presented) Surgical cable prepared for application in the method of claim 6.